

2015 WATERFOWL HUNT REGULATIONS

MONTEZUMA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays October 24 – December 5, 2015
Tschache Pool & Sandhill Crane Unit will be hunted for the 2015 season

AREA REGULATIONS

- Boats are required for Tschache Pool & limited to 1 boat per reservation. Motors are prohibited. Boats are not required for the Sandhill Crane Unit.
- Parking sites are selected at the time of reservation. At Tschache Pool, hunting areas are selected each hunt day by a free roam system once you're on the water. ***YOU MUST LAUNCH YOUR BOAT FROM YOUR RESERVED PARKING AREA.***
- Each Hunter is limited to possessing no more than ***15 nontoxic shot shells*** while in the field or hunt area (*do not bring more than 15 nontoxic shot shells per hunter into the Tschache Pool & Sandhill Crane areas*). Hunters are limited to discharging no more than the allotted 15 nontoxic shot shells per hunt day.
- No shooting from the dike or road; you must be 50' from the dike or road to shoot. *There is a 500' no hunt zone around the observation tower at the southern end of Tschache Pool.*
- You must be set-up before legal shooting time (1/2 hour before sunrise).
- Hunting ends at 12:00 noon local time. All hunters must be checked out and out of the hunt area by 1:00 pm local time.
- Successful completion of the New York State **Waterfowl Identification Course**, the Montezuma Non-Resident Waterfowl Identification Course or a suitable non-resident State Waterfowl Identification Course is **REQUIRED** to hunt the Refuge by all hunters.

**YOU MUST SHOW PROOF OF WATERFOWL ID COURSE COMPLETION,
HUNT LICENSE & DUCK STAMP EACH TIME YOU HUNT**

RESERVATIONS

- Up to 20 reservations per day (Maximum of 2 people per reservation) for Tschache Pool. Up to 3 reservations per day (Maximum of 2 people per reservation) for Sandhill Crane Unit.
- All reservations are first-come, first-served. Persons with a reservation may bring 1 companion. Hunters reserve the parking area of their choice while making their hunt reservation.
- Telephone reservations are taken from ***8:30am to 9:00am on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays for the next hunt day*** (call Tuesday to hunt Thursday, call Thursday to hunt Saturday).

The reservation telephone number is (315) 568-4136

RESERVATIONS FOR OPENING DAY WILL BE TAKEN ON Thursday, Oct. 15, 8:30am to 9:00am
Reservations for the Saturday, Oct. 3 YOUTH HUNT will be taken Thursday, Sept. 24, 8:30am to 9:00am

CHECK-IN

- All hunters with reservations (and their companions) **must check in at least 1 hour before legal shooting time** (legal shooting time is ½ hr. before sunrise; check in by 1 ½ hrs. before sunrise) or forfeit their reservation. Check-in is at the Hunter Check Station on Route 89.
- Daily permits are available at the Check Station; you must check in with Refuge Staff at the check-in area.
- Carry the **Migratory Bird Hunt Report** as your refuge waterfowl hunting permit while hunting on the Refuge. **Complete it at the end of the hunt day and leave it in the box at Tschache Pool or the Part B Box at the Check Station.**

ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS

- USE OR POSSESSION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES WHILE HUNTING IS PROHIBITED
- VEHICLES BLOCKING GATES OR ROADS WILL RESULT IN A CITATION AND A FINE
- RESPECT ADJACENT LANDOWNERS' PROPERTY—PLEASE DO NOT TRESPASS

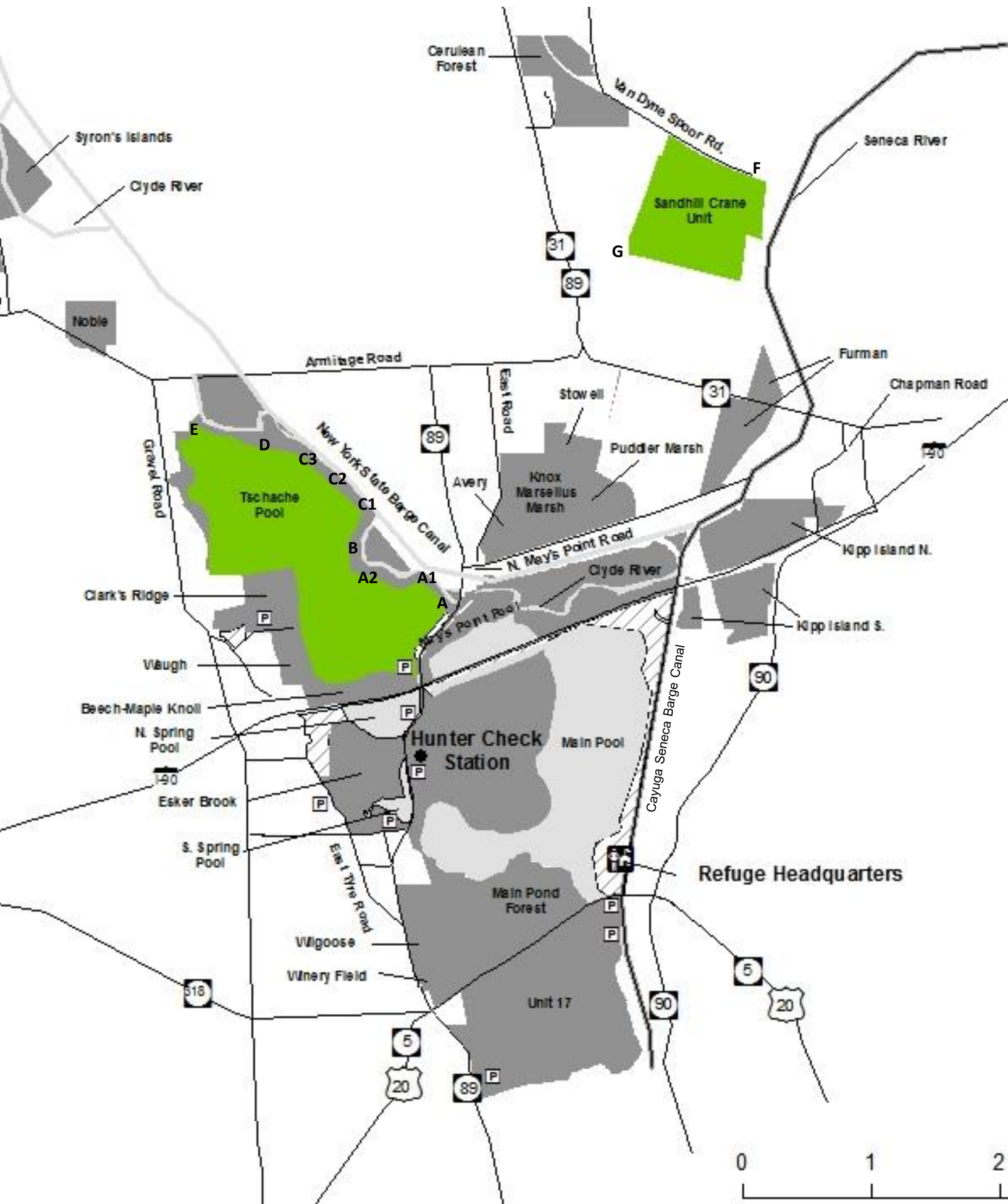
FOR YOUR SAFETY & A GOOD EXPERIENCE

MAINTAIN A SAFE DISTANCE from other hunting parties to help ensure safety and a good hunting experience for all hunters.

Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge
3395 US Route 20 East (Check Station is at 1095 Route 89)
Seneca Falls, New York 13148
(315) 568-5987

Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge

Waterfowl Hunting Map



Legend

- Open Waterfowl Hunting Area
- No Hunting Area
- No Hunting Area
- No Hunting Area

NO HUNTING ALONG THE NEW YORK STATE BARGE CANAL/CLYDE RIVER/CAYUGA SENECA BARGE CANAL FROM ARMITAGE ROAD TO U.S. ROUTE 20 TO STATE ROUTE 89.

NOTE: White-tailed deer hunting is permitted in the Sandhill Crane Unit, beginning November 1.

